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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week - Ares, Finnegan, Tommy, Faye, Harry, Dexter

Football - Maxwell, Jack L, Nancy, Theo L

Multi-skills - Faye & Oscar

Prayer & Praise - Lyla

School meals will be week 2 choices next week.

Expanding free school meals eligibility

From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify free school meals.

Who should apply - If you receive Universal Credit and your child is not getting free school meals, apply by filling in our online form.

If you have already applied for free school meals and your child has been confirmed as eligible, you do not need to apply again. We will recheck your claim and tell your child's school before the start of the new September 2026 term. The link to apply is

my.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/request?form=apply_for_free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Building work - please be mindful of the building work that is in progress and stick to the paths.

Thank you

Harvest Service - letters will be coming home today for our Harvest Service, please note due to our increased pupil numbers, we kindly request, if you are wish to come to the service, that only 1 member of the family attends.

Teacher 2 Parents - Please can you move over to the Eduspot App, as this is a more cost effective way? We already have 46% moved over but we still have a long way to go. Instructions are on the Facebook page and printed instructions are available from school

Cauliflower Cards - Over the next couple of weeks, your child will be bringing home their Christmas card design. The information to order the cards, via Cauliflower Cards, will be on the sheet, which comes home. Please order on-line and **remember to send the sheet and design back into school**. The artwork will be collected from school on Thursday 1st October.

Please make sure your order is back in plenty of time.



Our school lottery is open to everyone so please encourage your family and friends to join. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised **£12,600.80**

If you have not yet joined please support us - **for just £5.00 per month (direct debit) you have a chance of winning our weekly prize of approximately £20 (dependant on number of supporters) and the chance to win a national weekly prize of £25000 every week.**

To support us please visit Yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Altham St James.

Sports clubs Year 2 and above

Please note due to the building work and as after school club will be in the hall, all sports clubs will be outside until the work is completed.

Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm (years 2-6)

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm (juniors only)

UNIFORM - Whittaker's supply our uniform, it is available at the store inside Oswaldtwistle Mills.

If you have any queries or want to check before you travel contact details are tel. 01254 871025 or email Accrington-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

Pre loved uniform - Mrs Briggs runs a Facebook page for this, [Altham St James uniform secondhand | Groups | Facebook](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 29 th September	6-8pm St Christopher's open evening
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest service 9am Altham St James Church (see above)
Monday 12 th October	Pm - annual flu vaccinations
Monday 7 th Dec.	2pm EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 8 th Dec.	9.30am EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 9 th Dec.	Junior play 2pm and 5.30pm at church
Monday 14 th Dec.	2pm Infant Play
Tuesday 15 th Dec.	9.30 Infant Play
Thursday 17 th Dec	Aladdin - Empire Theatre (all)
Monday 21 st Dec.	Breakfast with Santa

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher